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BROOKLYN POLICE.

WEATHER SAYINGS.

The Aurora borealis always indicates a change of weather and if it is very red the weather will be very cold.

A shower of stars in the west indicates rain. If there is a shower of stars, or white clouds driving to the northwest, it will be fine for some days.

A halo around the moon indicates a coming storm. The number of stars seen within the halo shows the number of days before the storm will come.

If the leaves of maple and other trees turn yellow before their autumn color it is a sign of rain. Dandelions, tulips and other flowers close up before rain.

It blows from the north in September it is the sign of a coming storm. If there are many falling stars in the fall it is a sign of a coming storm. If there are many falling stars in the fall it is a sign of a coming storm.

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The Guardians of the City of Churches.

WELL DISCIPLINED AND BRAVE.

A Pen Picture of Superintendent Patrick Campbell—Some Incidents in His Career—The Chief's Able Subordinates, Scenes in the Glass Room.

(Copyright by American Press Association.) The Brooklyn police system, unlike that of its great neighbor New York, has a single executive. He is not only the head of the force, but also the chief of the detective department and the superintendent of the large number of officers who are detailed to the courts and other places of public importance.



SUPERINTENDENT PATRICK CAMPBELL.

The present incumbent, Patrick Campbell, is so striking a character in the City of Churches as to deserve more than a passing word. Imagine the body of a Hercules on the legs of a dwarf; the face of a scholar with the scars and seams of a soldier; the soft speech, slow movements and delicate manners of a minister one moment and the brusque, quickness and force of a great pugilist the next, add to this the ready completion of forty and the snowy hair of seventy and you have a good idea of the man who is known as "the chief" to every man, woman and child in Brooklyn.

Though of Irish or rather Scotch-Irish descent, he is a native of the Palmetto state, having been born in 1837, in Charleston, S. C. His family seems to have a natural taste for public service, his father and grandfather having been leaders in Irish politics in the last century and the early part of this, and his brother, Felix Campbell, having served several terms as a representative from New York state. The story of his life may be briefly summed up as follows: Printer's devil, printer, foreman, customs inspector, sheriff, superintendent of police.

As sheriff he accumulated a small fortune, and as superintendent, which he has been with an brief intermission since 1870, he has gained a fame third only to Inspectors Byrnes and Williams, of New York.

There are so many brilliant police officials in the United States that it requires some extraordinary piece of work to make a man famous in a day. Yet this is what was accomplished by Campbell at the very outset of his career in the celebrated murder case of Goodrich-Stoddard.

In 1873 Charles Goodrich, a well-to-do hotelier, was found dead in his room, shot through. Suspicion was directed to a woman with whom he had professed to be in love. Her real name, antecedents and address were unknown. The detectives, after a long search, arrested a Brooklyn woman, whose appearance tallied with



INSPECTOR PATRICK H. McLAUGHLIN.

that of the one for whom they were looking. She refused to give her name or residence, and had nothing in her possession whereby she could be identified. All of Goodrich's friends were brought to police headquarters, but not one recognized her. Three days later the case seemed hopeless and the press began to denounce the prolonged incarceration of a woman upon mere suspicion. The authorities were about to order her release when the chief asked for three days further time. The means for her release were ordered, and the woman's friends indicated that she had very little money for some time. His gigantic effort was rewarded with the greatest success. Within twenty-four hours her real name and residence were ascertained, and what was of greatest importance, the woman's trunk was found containing the portrait of the murdered man, letters from him to her which disclosed the motive of the killing and the plot with which the net was committed. The prisoner was tried and convicted, but on account of her long detention to her mental condition she was sent to the State Asylum for Insane Criminals at Utica, N. Y. Such a success, and especially under such auspices, was unprecedented in the history of police, and indeed Campbell, who up to that time had been regarded as a celebrated politician, into the first number of American detectives.

One of the most interesting men on the Brooklyn force is Inspector John H. Johnson, who has been superintendent of the mounted squad ever since its organization in 1873. On his horse he has become a household name, and his name is a household word in the city. He has a natural devotion to his duty and study to that noble equine. Not long ago, in speaking of the handsome stable hands, he said: "It is wonderful how intelligent police horses become. What with being with one man all the time, who talks to it, walks with it, cares for it and in fact, makes it his life, it becomes half human. There are several horses in my squad who would be lost in an average board of aldermen. My own horse will hear a gun away a half mile distant and get ready to charge if it is coming out of a trap or a snare. If going in some other direction. In stopping runs away we ride up to the trap and grasp the handle and pull back as hard as we can. On one occasion when a team was backing up in the road I was not aware of a horse coming from behind. I saw it, and without any word from me seized the rein between his teeth and

stopped the frenzied animals himself. "Another horse we have noticed a rough looking character carrying a bag one day on Second avenue, became excited and tried to rush at the fellow, and would not be satisfied until the officer had taken the man to the station house. The animal's suspicions were correct. The prisoner was a thief and the bag contained what he had stolen an hour before. We could never make up our minds whether the horse had sensed the contents of the bag, or whether he identified the man as a criminal he had seen in custody before.

"Nearly all horses understand not only police duty, but also fire, ambulance, military, postal and the other official systems which obtain in Brooklyn. If they could but talk, read and write they would make the finest policemen in the world."

The wharf rats and river thieves who make a living at the expense of those who do business upon the long water front of Brooklyn come under the jurisdiction of Capt. Henry Kollett, who commands a police boat. The petty piracy trade is going down in the world. Formerly the harbor thieves would steal canal barges, large yachts and even steamboats. Now they are satisfied with a rowboat, a small hawser, a spar sail or a few pounds of sugar.

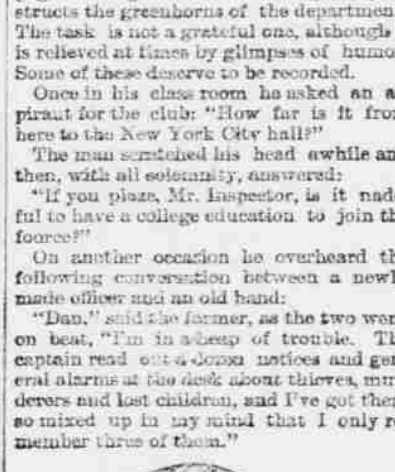
The river police have rather an easy time of it. Now and then their experiences are quite amusing. On one occasion a foreign ship was getting ready to depart and had just cleared the wharf when suddenly the captain and all the crew were to rush wildly to the sides and plunge into the water. Supposing that there was a mutiny on board the police went promptly to the rescue and picked every one up. They found that a large dog had gone mad suddenly and that every one had jumped overboard in the belief that a rabid animal would not go into the water. The brute was killed by a well directed revolver shot and the mariners put back on their vessel.



CAPT. HENRY KOLLETT.

On another occasion a large fishing smack, with but one sail set and with no one in sight on deck, was found drifting in the lower bay. The police boarded the craft and found that the crew, who were also part owners of the smack, had been celebrating a very successful catch of fish by getting royally drunk, and were all lying on the cabin floor in a dense stupor. As they could not awaken the inebriates, the police lowered the sail, dropped the anchor, put the signal lights in place and then induced the skipper of a vessel nearby to keep a feigned eye upon the smack until morning. While the water police, on account of the dying out of the river thieves, do but little in the chase and capture of criminals, they are of the greatest benefit in suppressing mutinies, extinguishing fires and recovering lost property. In regard to the last, they annually recover property whose value is much more than the entire expense of the service.

One of the best known faces around police headquarters is that of Inspector Patrick H. McLaughlin. A muscular, wiry man with dark hair, and a keen, intelligent expression, he is a perfect specimen of a police officer. He is a native of New York, and has been in the service for many years. He is a perfect specimen of a police officer.



JOHN H. JOHNSON.

"What?" replied the veteran. "Give it no more thought, my boy. You've been on the force as long as the rest of us have, you'll make it a matter of principle to forget every biased one of them."

Once, when examining a tough young man, the inspector asked: "If you were sent to your present position, which one would you arrest?" "Why the man who hit first, unless the other fellow was a Dago, a Chinaman or a Jew, and then I'd catch the other fellow."

WILLIAM R. FALGOUT.

BALL PLAYERS' NOTIONS.

Whitney says it is bad luck to wear different sized stockings.

Ed Becker, of the Buffaloes, has a penny fastened to the inside of one of his shoes.

Connor will walk any day to the grounds rather than be compelled to ride in a yellow vehicle.

into the field. He thinks that by doing this he can charm the ball so that he will have the players at his mercy.

Dan Shannon, of the Philadelphia, can not be induced to wear his cap straight upon his head. It is always cocked to one side. "Oh, it gives me luck," said Dan, when spoken to about it one day.

John Ewing has something of the superstition of his brother as regards funerals. "Buck hates to pass one," he said, "and I hate to cross one. Why, I'll go a mile out of my way so as not to cross a funeral."

Vaughan has a peculiar superstition. When he puts on a new pair of stockings for the first time he carefully marks the right and the left ones so that when putting them on again he won't change them.

Lawyer O'Rourke can never be induced to sit on the right side of a train going to the grounds, and, strange to say, if he is obliged to turn around suddenly when on the field he always does it toward the right.

Bill Brown, like most Californians, is governed by superstitious ideas. If a stranger asks him for a loan he becomes very much depressed, and can easily read in this little circumstance the defeat his team will sustain in the afternoon.

If Mike Kelly ever runs against a red headed girl, a cross eyed colored woman or a cross eyed white man he becomes convinced that his team will lose that afternoon. He has as yet found no mascot with sufficient ability to counteract the charm.

—New York Sun.

RAILWAY SIGNAL CODE.

Three whistles signify "back up."

Two whistles signify "off brakes."

One whistle signifies "down brakes."

Continued whistles signify "danger."

Rapid short whistles "a cattle alarm."

Beckoning motion of one hand signifies "back."

Red flag waved up the track signifies "danger."

Lantern swung in a circle signifies "back the train."

Red flag stuck up by the roadside signifies "danger ahead."

Red flag carried on a locomotive signifies "an engine following."

Lantern swung at right angles across the track is a signal to "start."

Downward motion of the hands with extended arms signifies "stop."

JENNIE BENSON'S SUICIDE.

A Beautiful Girl Who Preferred Death to Life.

Why did Jennie Benson kill herself? That is a question but one person in Rome City, Ind., can answer, and he has not a word to say. No questionable motive closes his lips. It is the silence of an honorable man to whom an unhappy girl told a secret. She loved him. He asked her to be his wife. She refused, but acknowledged her affection, and he forgave her. The reason for her refusal to his proposal.

From that on no thought of marriage occupied the minds of William Glatte and Jennie Benson, but the man remained her honored and trusted friend to the last. Twice did she try to commit suicide. The first time she failed. Then she went to Washington Court House, O., sought a secluded street and shot herself through the heart.

JENNIE BENSON. Only by chance was her identity established. That the corpse of the beautiful, unhappy girl was well cared for is shown by the following letter that accompanied it home:

To the Mothers—Your poor sweet girl had had all the care and attention that sympathizing and respectful friends could give by respectable friends of this city. Be assured that she was tenderly and gently dealt with. Yours with sympathy.

Appended were the names of numerous gentle hearted women of Washington Court House. The entire population of Rome City attended the funeral. At 20 years of age Jennie Benson sleeps beneath the daisies. Was she wronged? Did she sin? These are questions to which probably there will never be a reply.

A LAWYER SHOT DOWN.

The Recent Murders on a New York Attorney.

Presentiments are unexplainable, but sometimes they prove of value. This was the case recently with Clerk Scott. He is employed by Lawyer Clinton G. Reynolds, of New York city. When, on the latter's order, he admitted Alphonse Stephani to the criminal office the day after tomorrow he "felt it in his bones" that something was going to happen, and deemed it his duty to listen at the door. It was well for Mr. Reynolds that he did, for within five minutes he had heard the muffled sound of a pistol shot, and rushing in secured Stephani before he could plant another bolt in the body of the prostrate lawyer. The wounded man is now in the hospital, and the world's assassin is in jail. Stephani arrived in New York from England on the morning of the tragedy. He came to America with the intention of killing his mother, but as she was in hiding he vented his insane wrath on her attorney. Mrs. Stephani is quite wealthy, but unable to conceive the reason of her fortune left by her husband, she was compelled to let his management from the hands of her spendthrift son. He, on finding the supplies out, started out gunning, with the result narrated above. His victim is one of the best known and most highly esteemed members of the New York bar, and much excitement followed the announcement of the result.

ALPHONSE STEPHANI.

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